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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION (MCC)

BIR rollout of IT systems hits Negros Occidental

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The Bureau of Internal Revenue's Nationwide Rollout of Computerized Systems (NRCS) reached the revenue district offices in Negros Occidental namely – RDO 76 (Victorias City), RDO 77 (Bacolod City) and RDO 78 (Binalbagan).

NRCS aims to build a comprehensive database necessary to support the Bureau's collection and enforcement efforts.

The technical assistance project of the 119 Revenue District Offices all over the country is funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation administered through the United States Agency for International Development and run by a private company the Management Systems International or MSI.

Deputy Chief of Party of the Millennium Challenge Corporation-PTP-Technical Assistance Project said that the over-all project cost is \$20 million with the Philippine government counterpart of P1 billion.

The Nationwide Rollout of Computerized Systems (NRCS) is designed to maximize the Bureau's operations with minimum manual intervention.

The computerization of the revenue district offices will reduce the transaction processing time, encourage voluntary tax compliance by broadening the tax base and modernizing the work environment of the personnel of the bureau.

"It is important that everyone pays each fair share of taxes. Taxes are what keep the country running forward. Without a sound tax base and without taxpayers, no

country can afford to survive," King said as he addressed the crowd of invited taxpayers during the NRCS demonstration at RDO 77 in Bacolod City.

With the implementation of the NCRS, the Philippine government has demonstrated its goal to decrease corruption and to improve revenue demonstration, King added.

Deputy Commissioner for Internal Revenue Lilia Guillermo said that project is the backbone of the Bureau's Integrated Tax Systems and the pillar of the Run After Tax Evaders program of the BIR.

"With the support of the MCC and the USAID, the government continues to explore avenues to address the issue on tax evasion and improve its tax base," Guillermo added.(PIA/EAD)